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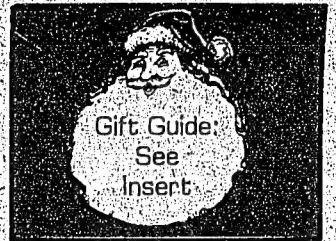


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## Preparing for Santa

Terri Knecht, left, and Teri Cummins, Student Accounts assistant manager, brighten up the Student Accounts Office by putting up a small Christmas tree. Knecht is a work-study student.

## Greeks' reaction to TKE varies Campus gets new fraternity

By TIM KALDAHL

Tau Kappa Epsilon became part of UNO's greek system last month. The Inter-fraternity Council unanimously voted to allow TKE to re-colonize UNO Nov. 20.

Tau Kappa Epsilon had a UNO chapter beginning in 1951, but it disbanded in 1978. TKE is a large national fraternity whose chapters include those at UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan.

UNO sophomore Brian Mielke started the move to bring TKE back to UNO more than a year ago. Mielke said a friend who is a TKE member at Nebraska Wesleyan convinced him that bringing a chapter to Omaha was a good idea.

"We're going to do everything we can to make it stick," Mielke, the unofficial TKE president, said. "We don't want to burn out."

The idea snowballed this year, he said, when his involvement with UNO Student Government elections brought about some interest in the idea of a new UNO fraternity.

Support from established campus organiza-

tions is helping in the formation of the UNO TKE chapter, Mielke said. There are about 30 TKE members at UNO, including cheerleaders, members of Student Government (including R.L. Kerrigan, UNO student president/regent-elect), members of the College of Business Administration, Student Advisory Board, and members of the Student Programming Organization.

Members of other fraternities have differing views about TKE.

"Why do they feel they're qualified to start a fraternity?" Brian Kean of Pi Kappa Phi said. Kean said almost anyone can find a place among the present fraternities. "It's less of a fraternity and more of a clique."

"If you can't go greek, go TKE," John White, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said. "If you can't go TKE, go home."

Another member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Rick

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## Officials: UNO fared well in November elections

By BETTY DYHRBERG

During her campaign, Gov.-elect Kay Orr pledged to hold the line on taxes and increase state-government efficiency in the face of shrinking Nebraska revenues.

However, the current revenue forecast predicts that the state will receive \$2.4 million less revenue in the current 1986-87 fiscal year than was budgeted.

Gov. Kerrey has said he would not consider a tax increase, looking instead for budget cuts. Orr has pledged to do the same when she and next year's Legislators take office Jan. 8.

So where does this leave UNO?

"Times are rough," said UNO Chancellor Del Weber. "It's really too early to tell what Kay Orr will do for UNO. She has made a strong statement in support of education and in support of the university system."

But Otto Bauer, UNO's vice chancellor for academic affairs, believes the state's economic problems far overshadow the election process. "No matter who is elected," he said, "the state's economic problems will be the same. The new governor is facing very troubled times."

### 'Fistful of problems'

Lou Cartier, UNO's university relations director, agreed, saying, "No matter who is in the governor's chair, she has a whole fistful of problems to deal with. Having a new person in office is not going to mean that flood gates of money will open up for UNO," Cartier said he believes that, unless there is some change in Nebraska's economy, there will not be much change for UNO.

Another consideration is Orr's philosophy of fiscal conservatism. "That means any new revenue sources from taxes is not going to characterize Kay Orr," Cartier said. "She is not going to raise taxes. She will look at how the state spends its money. And," he said, "more than 50 percent of our operating budget comes from the state."

But Cartier said he thinks the 1987 Legislature and Orr's policies regarding education will benefit UNO. "Roughly one-third of the Nebraska Legislature come from Omaha," Cartier said. "They are almost our local senators. We try hard to work with them, and count on their support."

Bauer said, "I am optimistic that when new people come in, they haven't yet made up their minds (about UNO)."

"With new members, we have a chance to start with a fresh slate," Weber said, referring to Sens.-elect Merton Dierks, W. Owen Elmer, George Coordsen and newly-elected regent

Don Blank. "Our job is to educate them, to show them our problems and our needs."

### November elections

Even with the loss of John DeCamp, a 16-year veteran of the Nebraska Legislature, Cartier said, he thought UNO "did pretty well" with the outcome of the November elections.

"DeCamp was a very effective senator," Cartier said, "but people were concerned about whether he spent enough time in the district. Now there will be new leadership to take his place, and I don't feel that is necessarily bad."

Cartier also said the re-election of Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson will be good for UNO. "He knows the institution pretty well. Also, Gary Hannibal is a UNO graduate, so he will have the best interests of UNO at heart. We have a good relationship with Chris Abboud," Cartier

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## Students to protest budget cuts

UNO Student Government and Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) members plan to visit the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday, Dec. 10, to protest proposed state general-fund budget cuts.

Paul Hays, UNO's NSSA coordinator, said Tuesday afternoon that the UNL NSSA chapter told him a 2 percent across-the-board budget cut was proposed by Gov. Kerrey and State Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Nebraska's general-fund budget for the current fiscal year is \$839 million, 2 percent of which would be \$16.78 million.

Kerrey announced Tuesday that he would call a special session of the Legislature to trim state spending. The special session was to begin this morning and reportedly might last one week. Kerrey also said Tuesday that he would submit a bill to the Legislature calling for a \$6.5 million (less than 1 percent) current-year budget cut.

Hays said UNO students, faculty or staff members interested in accompanying those going to Lincoln can sign up at the UNO Student Government Office, Room 134 in the Student Center. Hays said the group will leave at 9 a.m.

## Mountains from Africa to Colorado await students

By KAREN NELSON

It's still possible for UNO students to give themselves a vacation for Christmas — whether for pleasure or credit — but time is growing short. Deadlines for many UNO-sponsored trips are approaching.

Academic departments and student organizations offer trips to destinations as far away as Kenya or as close to home as Vail, Colo. In almost all cases, academic credit can be earned for work done while traveling.

### Photographic safari

The College of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Kenya March 4 through 14. Although no one officially had signed up for the African trip as of Tuesday, program developer Linda Crossett said there has been a "tremendous response" to advertisements for the trip.

Participants will visit Aberdare National Park, the Tree-tops Lodge, the Samburu Reserve, the Mt. Kenya Safari Club and the Masai Mara Reserve for wild-game viewing and photography. Tourists also will spend some time in Nairobi. The tour will be led by Larry Ferguson, an Omaha photographer who has taught photography in the College of Continuing Studies, and Nancy O'Brien, who has conducted other tours for the college.

Cost of the tour, including transportation, hotels and lodges, tips, most meals, entrance fees to game-viewing sites and services of local guides during the photographic safari, is \$3,105. A \$500 deposit is required by the Dec. 15 deadline. Arrangements can be made to earn one credit-hour in in-

ternational studies. To register and for information about earning credit, call 554-8344.

### Spend a semester in London

Although there are many opportunities to study abroad, said Jay Harris, coordinator of International Studies and Programs, London Semester is the university's "main program."

The types of classes students take depend in part on which UNO professors take part in the London Semester, Harris said. "We've had students take courses in drama, art history, geology/geography and history," he said.

All students are required to take a course called "British Life and Culture," which Harris said is exactly what its name implies. "Each student picks a topic of his choice. The student researches the topic, interviews people and writes a 15- to 20-page paper." The course is worth three credits in international studies.

Cost for the London Semester is \$3,500, which includes air fare, room and board — but not tuition. UNO students are required to pay off-campus tuition for their classes. An optional tour before the London Semester begins costs \$500 to \$600, depending on destination.

Students still can register for London Semester for the spring semester, "but you have to sign up in the next few days," Harris said.

Other opportunities abroad may be possible for students who plan ahead, Harris said. Scholarships are available to spend a year in Taiwan, and applications for the 1987-88 school year are now available.

Applications will be available in January for a scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club. "We stand a good chance to send students almost to the country of their choice" with this scholarship, Harris said. "At least, students will have several countries to choose from." The Rotary scholarship, good for one year, pays for tuition, transportation and room and board.

For more information about the London Semester or scholarships for study abroad, call 554-4875.

### Ski Vail

The Student Programming Organization (SPO) and the Outdoor Venture Center are co-sponsoring a ski trip to Vail, Colo., Jan. 3 through 9 — but each organization offers a slightly different version of the same trip.

Students who sign up for the Vail trip through SPO pay \$274. Jean Donovan of SPO said the cost includes transportation, accommodations at the Simba Run Resort, a ski party and beginners' downhill skiing lessons. Students can rent equipment for five days for an extra \$40. "I don't think you can rent equipment cheaper than that," Donovan said. Trip participants also can do things on their own, such as shopping and sightseeing. One hour of physical education credit can be arranged.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the SPO version of the trip. Call 554-2623 for registration.

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# Comment

## Iran puts Snowshoe Bar boys 'up in arms' with epigrams

It would be an understatement to say the boys at the Snowshoe Bar are "up in arms" over the Iran arms deal.

I put that in quotes because I want everybody to know that somebody else said it. It was said by Merle Apke right after the game Monday night when somebody asked him "Merle, what do you think about this Iran arms deal business?" Right after the game is usually when we open the discussion on the week's pertinent topic, and Merle usually gets to voice the first opinion, partly because he's huge, and partly because, for a huge guy, he can usually come up with a fairly perceptive epigram that sort of sums up the entire bar's mood on the subject at hand. I know this to be a natural and unaffected talent of Merle's, because I asked him once how he came up with his epigrams, and he asked me what an epigram was and was it anything like a candy-gram. Merle's partial to candy.

So somebody says "Merle, what do you think about this Iran arms deal business?" and Merle takes a beat or two and says "I'll tell you what I think. I'm *up in arms* about it," and aside from summing up the mood of the bar, Merle got four beers bought for him just for that one epigram, so you can see that

### Dan Prescher



Merle, while not big in the facts-and-figures department, does possess a great deal of practical knowledge.

The topic for the evening being officially open, everybody more or less expressed the same sense of shock and dismay that Reagan would let what should be a strictly advisory body like the National Security Council implement a series of foreign policy decisions that were not only on the outermost fringe of governmental ethics, but were diametrically opposed to the stated position of the Reagan administration to not, under any circumstances, deal with terrorists or the nations that sponsor them. That the country in question was Iran, a country that held U.S. diplomatic personnel hostage and has repeatedly called for the violent overthrow of the U.S., added insult to injury... and to top it off, Reagan said straight-faced to the American people on several occasions that he knew nothing about what was going on at the highest levels of his own administration.

Of course, these weren't the exact words used, but the idea was the same. Vern Collachek said that if it had been any country but Iran, he'd have been proud to send American, union-made products overseas, but he could just see the Ayatollah laughing in his beard about getting quality U.S. goods from the same country he spits at every day while he's winding his turban. Vern is kind of a slow burner, and still occasionally wears the "Ayatollah is an ass-a-hola" T-shirt he won at Pioneer Days for shooting out the red star with the BB machine gun, even though his wife is a strict Pentacostal and he knows it embarrasses her. He stopped short of saying what he said to Billy Reams at the gas station last week, which was that at least the Israelis gave 'em a good *few* job, when he saw Bernie Rosinsky come in the front door. Bernie is Vern's best friend.

Louis Palnick, on the other hand, defended the president's ignorance by saying he could understand Reagan's reluctance to go down in the White House basement, which is where he had heard this whole deal had taken place. There's no telling what you'll find in a basement, Louis said, especially a basement as big as the White House's. Louis' kid lives in *his* basement, and Louis' wife had to threaten to divorce him even to get him to go down there to change the furnace filters.

Nobody really objected to giving the money from the deal to the contras. This is mainly because nobody at the Snowshoe is really clear on who the contras are. They might be the good guys, but somebody had heard they used to work for Somoza, who might have been a bad guy, but they *are* against the communists, except their name sure sounds like some sort of communist name... contra, Communist, it's just hard to tell. The whole situation in Central America is kind of confusing, and nobody wanted to pay-nay giving money to the contras in case they were somebody we'd really want to aid, even with tainted money from illicit arms trafficking with a terrorist regime. So the subject never really came up, although Frank Kline did mumble that if it was OK with Col. North, it was OK with him. Frank has had three Bloody Marys for breakfast every morning for the past 20 years, but he was at Iwo Jima.

Towards the end of the night, "Stink" Baker, the plumber, made a remark I thought interesting. Stink went to K.U. for three years, back before his father died and he had to pick up the business to take care of his mother and sister, so the guys respect him and give him an ear, since he was obviously as good with his head as his hands. He told me his major once, but he asked me not to tell anybody else, especially the guys at the bar. He is a hell of a plumber, though.

Anyway, Stink sat there and listened all night, and finally, when everybody was about talked out and finishing their last beers, he says "You know, in a democracy, people get exactly the government they deserve."

It's not often we get two great epigrams in one night at the Snowshoe. If Larry hadn't given last call, I'd have bought Stink a beer.



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## Libertarian beliefs invert Utopia

The cover of the January issue of Reason, the flagship of the libertarian movement (assuming it feels no contradiction in accepting the designation as a movement), displays an arresting design. The family of Alex Joseph, the mayor of Big Water, Utah, sits in a rather benign gathering, akin to the family portrait on the piano. But here comes the catch: the nine women surrounding Mayor Joseph are his wives. The cover caption reads, "Can This Marriage Be Saved?" The question which a suppressed giggle alone will swallow, of course, is, "Which marriage?"

The story to which the cover refers is a tale of stubborn perpetuation of a tenet found in the embryonic Mormon Church, before the Latter-day Saints who all but founded the state of Utah, offered the choice between polygamy and statehood, chose statehood. But the essay's concern, overriding and discomfiting, is less to do with the free exercise of religion (Mayor Joseph is one of the "Mormon underground," who reject the "sellout" of the church to statehood, including the abolition of polygamy) than with the point that if Big Bad Government says it is wrong, it must therefore be right. That is the final litmus test for any issue a specimen of which is brought to the libertarian labora-

### Jeffrey A. Kallman



tory. But it raises questions for conservatives as well.

The libertarian creed is not terribly complex: it is, in fact, a platform called "Me, I'm the one." It is vain and disharmonious with the proper enhancement of civil society, but it does not prevent some souls from declaring themselves "libertarian conservatives," which, as Russell Kirk once delighted in pointing out, is something on the line of a "Jewish Nazi."

A conservative feels sympathy with the proposition of minimal interference from the State in affairs of its citizens, but the conservative attempts to draw a firm line between protection and prescription, and outright interventionism. It is possible for government to project a particular influence upon the behavior of its citizens, but the libertarian — in remarkable contradiction to the essential character of proper government — insists government has no business projecting anything upon its citizens. Conservatives understand a government which will not project particular values to its citizens is a government which is too impotent to set about the business of protecting them.

Proper freedom is buttressed by a grand series of impulses and prejudices (in the truest sense of that horribly abused word) which prevent freedom from sinking into suicide. It is one thing for the government to refrain, for example, from establishing a uniform practice of religion, but the libertarian dogmatists who insist upon an irrevocable divorce between government and a cumulative consensus of religious values (one of which proscribes polygamy, by the way) which prevail upon its citizens are insisting, really, upon the potential, final dismantlement of ordered society. The god aggrandizement which is worshipped by the libertarians (does that include sexual aggrandizement?) is as distant from the conservative appreciation for property rights in ordered society as is an Aryan Nations's declaration of war against the government of the United States from a proper exercise of the right to dissent.

The libertarians are exercising an inverted Utopianism; their dreamy longing for life without borders and orders presupposes a society of creatures irrevocably virtuous, requiring no restraint and needing no prescription. But one glance at the modern mind and the modern condition reminds serious individuals we are a long time before we will have dispensed with the vanity and hunger of the human ego. Conservatives bear the unhappy duty of balancing a proscription against State interference with a proscription against human vanity and its capacity for interference in the lives of society, and binding the balance with a proper appreciation for values, cultural, moral, and social, which distinguish man's continuity from ephemera, a binding the libertarians cannot secure, on the little they have to offer.

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## Weber: 'UNO stuck with me'

UNO Chancellor Del Weber said Tuesday night that he will remain UNO chancellor.

Weber's name was submitted to the Nevada Board of Regents search committee seeking a replacement for University of Nevada at Reno Chancellor Robert Bersi, whose resignation becomes effective next June.

According to an Omaha World-Herald article, Weber's name was submitted by Nevada Board of Regents consultant Ron Stead. The article said Stead had actively sought Weber's application for the position.

Weber said he had spoken with the search committee.

"I'm very happy at UNO," Weber said when asked whether he would consider leaving Nebraska. "My guess is that UNO will be stuck with me," he said.

According to the World-Herald story, the Nevada Board of Regents received applications from about 95 people, six of whom have been interviewed.

The University of Nevada at Reno position pays \$87,000 a year. Weber's annual salary is \$80,200.

## UNO assesses election results

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said, "but we lost a lot of energy, experience and clout with (the defeat of) Tom Vickers."

Blank defeated Robert Simmons, who was seeking his third term as a University of Nebraska regent.

"Simmons had a lot of knowledge and experience," Cartier said, "but in the view of many people, he gave UNO a hard time. Simmons took us to task on many issues, but so did the others. He was a very vocal, passionate man on many issues."

N.U. President Ronald Roskens once said of Simmons, "I have great respect for the ability and determination and dedication to public ser-

vice that Bob Simmons has consistently evidenced. Clearly, he and I haven't always agreed on certain objectives," Roskens said. "But in my mind, that in no way detracts from his capabilities and our friendship."

But now UNO will have new relationships to build.

"I am looking forward to meeting Blank and welcoming him to our campus. I hear he is a very capable and knowledgeable man," Weber said.

"Having new people is not good and not bad," Cartier said, "it's just different. We have to learn where the new people are coming from, and that's OK. We're not so stuck in concrete that we can't adapt."



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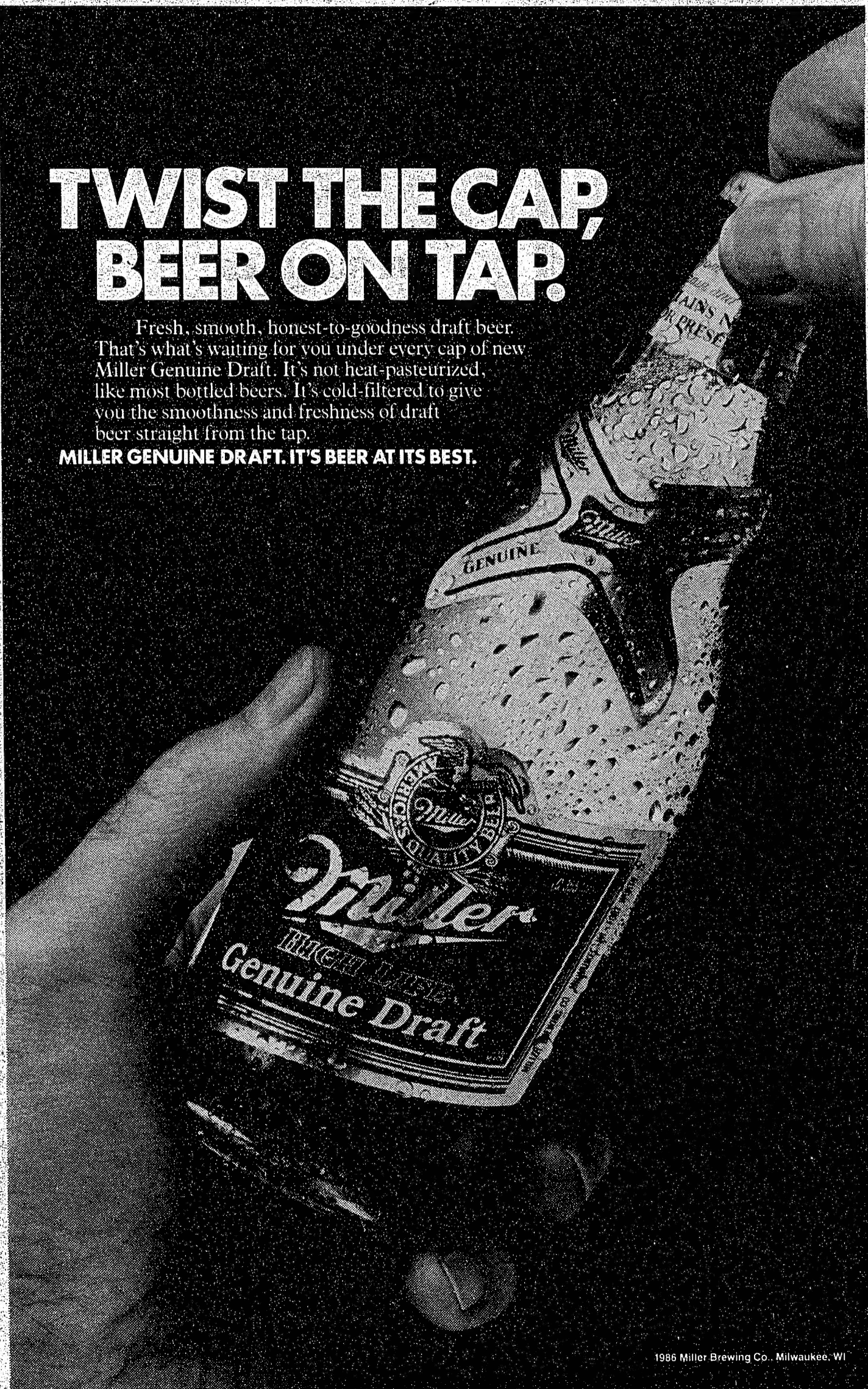
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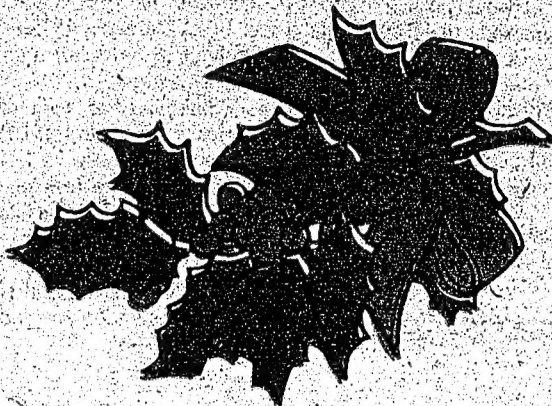


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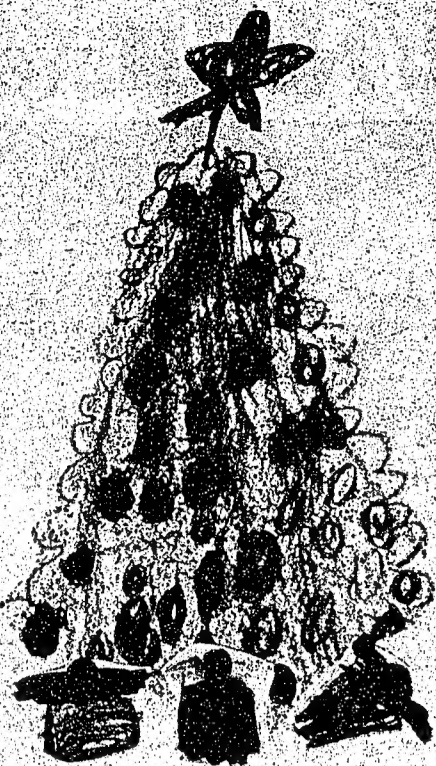
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## Oh, Christmas tree . . .

Children from the UNO Day Care Center made drawings illustrating their answers to the question, "What is Christmas?" Five-year-old Natalie Shanks' drawing gives one meaning — a tree with presents underneath.

## Students can travel, receive credit through UNO-sponsored programs

### Travel

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Today also is the deadline to sign up for the Vail trip through the Outdoor Venture Center. The Venture Center's version of the trip costs \$249, which includes transportation, lodging and equipment rental. Taken through the Venture Center, the trip is geared toward cross-country skiers, however, said Steve Guthrie, center director.

Since Guthrie has only recently taken the Outdoor Venture Center position, there was not enough time to organize a trip on his own, he said. "I approached (SPO) with the idea of co-sponsoring the Vail ski trip," Guthrie said, and SPO agreed. Guthrie, a ski instructor for more than 10 years, has led cross-country trips in the past and will give lessons.

Physical education credit also is available through the Outdoor Venture Center.

During the spring semester, the Venture Center will concentrate on shorter, one-day trips, Guthrie said. "I'm finding people are more interested in shorter trips," he said. Trips include nature hikes, downhill skiing at Mt. Crescent, Iowa and at Trailridge, about 20 miles west of Omaha.

### Shakespeare in Stratford

To sign up for the Outdoor Venture Center's Vail trip or for next semester's schedule of Venture Center events and trips, call 554-3222.

Eighteen students from UNO and UNL will visit England Dec. 26 through Jan. 11. The tour, sponsored by UNL's Flight Study program, will be led by Glen Newkirk, a UNO-English professor.

The students will visit London, Canterbury, Stratford, Bath, Stonehenge and Salisbury, Newkirk said. Students will see "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Macbeth" in Stratford, as well as "Animal Farm," a musical version of the novel by George Orwell.

To earn three credit-hours, students must keep a journal and write a paper, which is due two weeks after returning to the United States. Cost for the tour is \$1,450 plus tuition.

Although the sign-up deadline for this tour has passed, Newkirk said it's possible the England tour may be held again. Newkirk has led nine tours to England since 1976. "I always come back home and tell myself 'this is going to be the last one,'" he said. "Then spring comes and I begin to get the bug again."

Newkirk, who also participated in past London Semesters, said he had taken about 150 students to England "one way or another." Students who take the tour usually major in English, drama or history, he said.

For information about UNL Flight Study tours, call 1-472-7211.

## OBSERVER Crossword

Edited by Charles Preston

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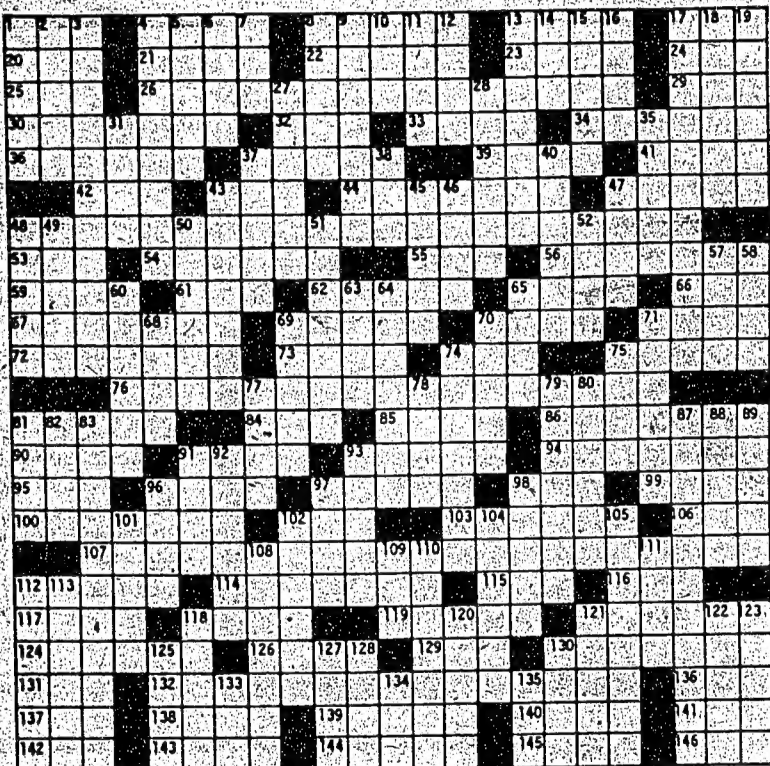
#### ACROSS

- 1 Except that
- 4 Crooned
- 8 Flip this
- 13 Burrowing animal
- 17 Wrath
- 20 A feast — famine
- 21 Central American tree
- 22 In —
- 23 Filled with wonder
- 24 Harrison
- 25 Blood relation
- 26 Astonished one's phrase
- 29 Indicating egg
- 30 — day
- 32 Modernist: prefix
- 33 Kind of finale
- 34 Young swan
- 36 Glosses
- 37 Central Michigan town
- 39 Engrave
- 41 Farm land
- 42 Droop
- 43 Chinese leader
- 44 Wicked
- 47 Cemented on
- 48 Brooks Robinson
- 53 Dine
- 54 Stroked
- 55 Observe
- 56 Burner
- 59 Location
- 61 City of Brazil
- 62 Postal stamp
- 65 Liquid measure
- 66 In the style of: Fr.
- 67 Lattice-work frame
- 69 Girls' names
- 70 Attractive
- 71 Prejudice
- 72 Damascenes
- 73 — face
- 74 Small bed

- 75 Hair dye
- 76 Covers up
- 81 Leven and Lomond
- 84 Chop off
- 85 Ending for cell
- 86 Flamboyant manner
- 90 Wild ox
- 91 Cereal coat
- 93 Out of the way
- 94 Address, et al.
- 95 The lion
- 96 Norman city
- 97 Exterior: prefix
- 98 Onassis
- 99 — machine
- 100 North Scotland Islands
- 102 Before cycle
- 103 Printing errors
- 106 Supped
- 107 Squabbling in public
- 112 Injuries
- 114 Like Jonathan Livingston
- 115 Boston cream
- 116 Before Vegas
- 117 Der —
- 118 In opposition
- 119 Horse racing prize
- 121 Shun
- 124 Yankee great
- 126 Small plateau
- 129 Come — halt
- 130 An augmented fourth
- 131 Prizefighter
- 132 And has to lie in it, too
- 136 Coffee maker
- 137 Give — try
- 138 One in a poke
- 139 Not censored

#### DOWN

- 1 Pears
- 2 Dickens' Heep
- 3 Sacrifice, in baseball
- 4 Monopolizing
- 5 Incites
- 6 Lopez theme
- 7 Take form
- 8 Cop this
- 9 Of heat
- 10 Globe
- 11 Currier and
- 12 Protuberance
- 13 Connubial
- 14 Possess



- 140 Speed contest
- 141 Turf
- 142 Letter
- 143 Shea team
- 144 TV Sales
- 145 Graphic or fine
- 146 English cathedral city

- 15 Parasite
- 16 Whirl
- 17 Red barrier
- 18 Venerate
- 19 Departed
- 27 Enamored
- 28 Punish
- 31 Biblical name
- 35 Hurricanes
- 37 Bel —
- 38 Flightless bird
- 40 Man of the cloth
- 43 French artist
- 45 Ponders
- 46 Hebrew bushel
- 47 Insect
- 48 Exams
- 49 Shaggy
- 50 Gyrene
- 51 Totaled
- 52 First class
- 57 Ardor: Fr.
- 58 Tabula —
- 60 Cook
- 63 Two fives for
- 64 Bite
- 65 Marrow

- 68 Regulations
- 69 Wisent
- 70 South Bend
- 71 Make showy
- 74 Held closely
- 75 Vandals
- 77 Blueprint
- 78 Kazan
- 79 Purify
- 80 Uncommon occurrence
- 81 French composer
- 82 Dollar bill
- 83 Perform well: al
- 87 Rids of undesirables
- 88 Terre —
- 89 Krupp's city
- 91 Indiana senator
- 92 Quit a position
- 93 Grape seeds
- 96 Levy, in London

- 97 Organic compound
- 98 — Murres
- 101 Christener
- 102 Plug —
- 104 Carpenter's tool
- 105 On —
- 108 Spices
- 109 Clairvoyance
- 110 Stops talking
- 111 — play
- 112 Chatterer
- 113 Eskimos of Alaska
- 118 Yawning
- 120 Like sylvan soil
- 121 Build
- 122 Join up
- 123 Girl's name
- 125 Muslim leader
- 127 Assistant
- 128 Part of A.D.
- 130 Ski lift
- 133 Make-up outfit
- 134 French coin
- 135 New Deal letters

## This Week

### FRIDAY 5th

- Educational Office Personnel Association boutique, Student Center Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds go toward a scholarship given annually to a UNO student.
- Chapter Summary Bible Study, Gallery Room, third floor Student Center, 11 a.m.
- Madrigal Dinners, Student Center Ballroom, today through Sunday. Seating begins at 6 p.m.
- Student Programming Organization (SPO) Fall Film Festival, "A Christmas Story," Eppley Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday.
- Nebraska Playwrights' Cooperative, "The Masque of Dionysos," Omaha Magic Theater, 1417 Farnam St., 7 p.m. today and tomorrow. General admission \$4; student and senior-citizen admission \$3.
- UNO Studio Theater, "Fetu and Her Friends," 2502 N. 51 Ave., 8 p.m. today through Sunday. Reservations required; call 554-2335.
- Basketball, Mavericks vs. Kansas Newman College, UNO Fieldhouse, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY 6th

- Countdown to Finals, sponsored by the Learning Resource Center, Eppley Administration Building, Room 117, 9 a.m. until noon. Tutoring will be available for certain classes, and videotapes for Psychology 101 will be shown. For schedules call 554-2992.
- Admissions Coffee for Adults, information session for prospective adult college students, Dodge Room, third floor Student Center, 10 a.m. For information call 554-2393.
- Basketball, Mavericks vs. Washburn University, UNO Fieldhouse, 8 p.m.
- Last day to submit credentials for admission to graduate studies for second semester.

### SUNDAY 7th

- SPO Fall Film Festival, "It's a Wonderful Life," Eppley Auditorium, 4 and 7 p.m.
- UNO Symphonic Band Concert, Strauss Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

### MONDAY 8th

- Basketball, Lady Mavs vs. Missouri-Kansas City, UNO Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY 9th

- Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting, Omaha Room, third floor Student Center, 11:30 a.m.



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# Sports

## Lady Mavs face regional rematch with New Haven

Led by senior All-America candidate Allie Nuzum and the dominant net play of Lori Schutte, the UNO Lady Mavs marched methodically to an unprecedented fourth straight North Central Conference volleyball title in Fargo, N.D.

The Lady Mavs had little trouble reaching the finals, dispatching both South Dakota, 15-7, 15-0, 15-5, and South Dakota State, 15-4, 15-6, 15-7.

In the championship match, UNO faced a fired-up North Dakota State squad intent on winning its first match of the season against UNO in five tries. The Lady Bison managed to tie the match at one set apiece before UNO rolled to a 15-7, 11-15, 15-8, 15-1 triumph.

UNO Coach Janice Kruger said junior middle blocker Lori Schutte keyed the Lady Mavs as they raced past NDSU. "Lori was so dominant at the net," Kruger said. "She's been coming on all year long but, really, the whole team played well." Nuzum had 45 kill spikes in the tournament, while Schutte hammered 38.

Unexpectedly, UNO found out it would be traveling to Allendale, Mich., for the NCAA regionals. UNO had bid to play host to the regional. "We thought we had a 90-percent chance to host the regionals if we won our conference," Kruger said.

UNO, ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II poll, will meet No. 18 New Haven in a rematch of last year's regional championship at the UNO Fieldhouse, in which New Haven fell to the Lady Mavs 9-15, 15-3, 15-11, 15-4.

"They keep getting better each year," Kruger said. "They are not a team we can overlook. I'm sure they will be out to redeem themselves for last year." New Haven is riding a 10-game unbeaten streak and will take a 38-7 record against UNO's 42-3 season mark.

UNO currently is on a 13-game winning string but will face stiff competition in the Michigan regional. If successful against New Haven, the Lady Mavs will play the winner of the match between No. 6 Grand Valley State (38-6) and No. 10 Ferris State (30-5).



Photo by Scot Shugart

UNO Coach Janice Kruger, far right, says this year's volleyball team might be the most balanced team she has coached. "You can't key on any one of our players," Kruger said.

## UNO playoff site 'shocks' Claussen

After experiencing the euphoria of a fourth straight North Central Conference volleyball title, Connie Claussen, UNO women's athletic director, began making arrangements for the expected arrival of the NCAA regionals to the UNO Fieldhouse.

"We really wanted to host the regionals," Claussen said. "We turned down a chance to have the volleyball championships here because we thought it would place a tremendous burden on an already overworked staff."

Claussen said the thinking was that this year UNO would try to educate fans as to the excellence of UNO volleyball. "This was before the tremendous promotion we had for the North Dakota State game," Claussen said. And "we thought it would be embarrassing to have poor crowds if UNO wasn't in the championships," she said.

UNO, which played host to the regional tourney in 1983 and 1985, was bypassed this year in favor of Grand Valley State's bid. "I was shocked," Claussen said.

In UNO's favor was the best record in Division II, 42-3, a No. 4 national ranking and the Division II single-game attendance record of 3,004, set Nov. 8 against North Dakota State.

Nancy Latimore, assistant director of championships for the NCAA, said the NCAA considered proposed budgets, quality of playing facilities and travel costs when making its decision. "There was no significant difference in the budgets or the facilities," she said. "Geographically it made sense to move UNO."

"We had an overflowing region in the North Central region, while the Northeast region had only three teams. With two Great Lakes teams (Ferris State, Grand Valley State) and New Haven in the Northeast region we had to move one of the five North Central teams that made the playoffs."

However, UNO Coach Janice Kruger said the Lady Mavs play as well on the road as they do at home.

## Division II Women's Volleyball rankings

Rank	school name	record	first-place votes
1.	Cal. State Northridge	(33-5)	160
2.	U.C. Riverside	(24-7)	152
3.	Cal. State Sacramento	(23-7)	142
4.	UNO	(42-3)	138
5.	Central Missouri State	(32-3)	125
6.	Grand Valley State (Mich.)	(38-6)	123
7.	North Dakota State	(39-10)	112
8.	Regis College (Colo.)	(28-10)	104
9.	Mississippi-Women	(35-3)	93
10.	Ferris State (Mich.)	(30-5)	91
11.	Portland (Ore.) State	(19-14)	80
12.	Northern Colo.	(37-12)	62
13.	Minn.-Duluth	(45-18)	53
14.	I.U./P.U.-Ft. Wayne	(28-4)	44
15.	Cal. State Los Angeles	(26-14)	43
16.	East Texas State	(22-2)	39
17.	Cal. Poly-Pomona	(16-15)	33
18.	New Haven (Conn.)	(38-7)	22
19.	Navy	(43-6)	20
20.	Florida Southern	(30-8)	18



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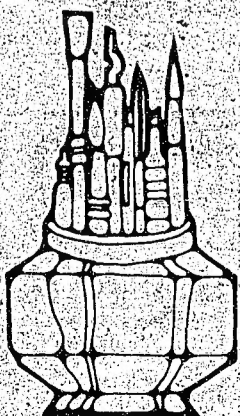
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# Miami, Penn State wooed for first 'Caesar's Bowl'

Eric's picks return after a two-week hiatus due to his field trip to Las Vegas, Nev. For the season, Eric's winning football percentage stands at 82 percent.

The gambling capital of the world was a fountain of information during my recent stay there. The most interesting story was one emanating from Caesar's Palace. Because of the bizarre nature of Caesar's plan it is surprising the story didn't get more coverage in the Midwest.

It seems that prior to the official bowl invitation date, representatives of Caesar's approached officials from Miami and Penn State with a proposal for a National Championship

## Football Picks

Predictions and Comments  
By Eric Lindwall

game to be played at Caesar's — in the back parking lot.

The scheme included plans to sod an entire field and bring in enough portable bleachers to seat 80,000 fans. When I expressed disbelief in terms of the logistical problems involved, I was informed by locals that Caesar's is capable of many things, including the construction of outdoor boxing and tennis stadiums virtually overnight.

So, although it seems Caesar's Palace could have pulled off, the ramifications for the two schools at the hands of the NCAA are too numerous to mention.

This week's menu of college football action

is a light one as the nation's top teams gear up for postseason play. One interesting event will take place tomorrow in New York City, where the Heisman trophy will be awarded to the best college player in the country. The identity of this year's recipient is a foregone conclusion. The real question at Saturday's ceremony will be whether Vinny Testaverde's overzealous dad has enough self-control not to race up to the podium and accept the trophy himself.

Some of this week's games include:

**Michigan at Hawaii** — The Rainbow Warriors don't exactly roll out the red carpet for opposing football teams. In fact, because of questionable game conditions and extremely biased officiating, the Cornhuskers have discontinued scheduling games with Hawaii.

**Hawaii is injury-riddled** and should fall to Bo Schembechler's Wolverines. Michigan, 31-14.

**Army at Navy** — Both teams are struggling through mediocre years. Navy at 3-7 and Army with a 5-5 record; but this will all be forgotten when the two service academies take the field tomorrow.

Although Navy has the poorer record and is without the services of Napoleon McCallum, the Midshipmen have dominated in recent years, and they get the call here. Navy, 30-28.

**BYU at Air Force** — Brigham Young enters this game coming off a disappointing loss to San Diego State that caused the Cougars to surrender the WAC conference title.

The Falcons will definitely have the emotional edge Saturday and should prevail by a comfortable margin. Air Force, 27-13.

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# Inter-fraternity Council unanimously votes in TKE

**Fraternity**  
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Hague, said he was looking forward to the TKE chapter. "They're one more frat to beat up on (in sports)," he said.

Carolyn McFarland, UNO student activities advisor, said the TKE people seem very well organized.

"I'm really excited," she said. TKE members' involvement in other important campus

organizations and offices is great, she said. "Those are the students that want involvement and know how to make things work. If they have enthusiasm and work, they could be the top fraternity in two years."

"We welcome them," Patrick Duffy of Sigma Phi Epsilon said. "We're glad that the greek numbers are growing at UNO. We welcome the challenge." Duffy said attracting new members will be more difficult with another fraternity on campus, but it will only strengthen the system

in the long run.

Student Sen. Guy Rudloff, unofficial TKE secretary, said other fraternities should not be insulted because TKE members want their own fraternity rather than joining existing ones.

"It wasn't any kind of slam," Rudloff said. "The people who are interested (in TKE) really meshed."

"We are going to be part of them (the greeks)," Rob Calvert, TKE's unofficial historian, said. "We want to maximize our leadership

qualities and support the TKE name and all the greek organizations at UNO."

TKE members plan to become more organized, to involve more people in differing organizations and make the TKE name known in Omaha through strong community involvement, Rudloff said.

The UNO TKE chapter also plans to collect food for the Omaha food bank, Rudloff said.

Mielke said the initiation fee to join TKE will be \$105 and \$20 a month for dues.

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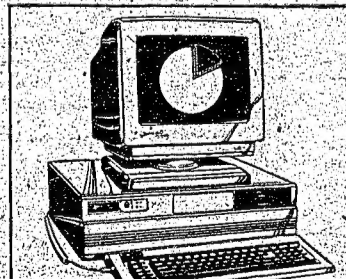
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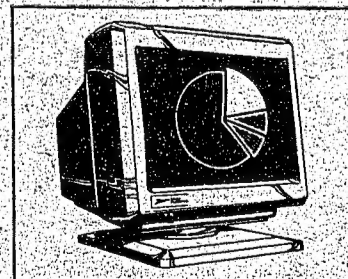
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# HOLIDAY RECIPES

## SWEDISH RYE BREAD

Submitted by  
**Gary Anderson,**  
*Sports Information Director*  
(Recipe has been in his family for over 80 years)

- 1 pkg. active dry yeast
- 1/4 c. warm water
- \*\*\*
- 1/4 c. brown sugar (dark)
- 3/4 c. light molasses
- 1 Tbls. salt
- 2 Tbls. shortening
- \*\*\*
- 1 1/2 c. hot water
- 2 1/2 c. stirred medium rye flour
- 3 1/2 to 4 c. sifted all-purpose flour



Soften yeast in warm water (110°). In large bowl, combine sugar, molasses, salt, and shortening. Add hot water and stir till sugar dissolves. Cool to lukewarm. Stir in rye flour; beat well. Add softened yeast and mix well. Stir in enough all-purpose flour to make a moderately stiff dough. Knead on well-floured surface till smooth and satiny (about 10 minutes). Place dough in lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease surface. Cover; let rise in warm place till double (1 1/2 to 2 hrs.) Punch down. Turn out on lightly floured surface; divide in 2 portions. Shape each into smooth ball. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Pat dough in 2 round loaves; place on greased baking sheet. (Or shape in 2 oblong loaves and place in greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch loaf dishes.) Cover and let rise in warm place till double (1 1/2 to 2 hrs.). Bake at 375° about 25 to 30 minutes. Place foil loosely over tops last 10 minutes, if necessary. For soft crust, brush with melted butter. Cool on rack. Makes 2 loaves.

## MUSHROOM NUT ROAST (A vegetarian casserole)

Submitted by  
**Rosalie Meiches**  
*Manager, Student Publications*

- 1 lb. package Pepperidge Farm bread cubes for dressing
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms (coarsely chopped)
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 stick butter or margarine (1/4 lb.) melted

Mix above ingredients together, put into a 3 quart casserole and bake 30 minutes at 350°. After 30 minutes, remove casserole from oven and add 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce and 1/2 cup water that have been mixed together. Bake another 30 minutes. Serve with vegetarian gravy.

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1 lg. can mushrooms (with liquid)
  - curry powder to taste
- Mix these four ingredients together and heat until bubbly.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

From **Lucille Smith,**  
*Secretary, Teacher Education*

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups raw peanuts
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 cup lite corn syrup
- Dash salt
- 1 Tbls. Butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, salt, and peanuts in deep bowl or casserole. Microwave on high 5 minutes. Stir. Microwave on high 13 minutes or until 300° is reached. Stir in butter, soda and vanilla just until light and bubbly. DO NOT OVER STIR. Pour onto greased cookie sheet and spread to desired thickness. Cool. Break into pieces.



## CURRIED CHEESE BALL

Submitted by  
**Dr. Mary E. Williamson**  
*Communication*

- Large package of cream cheese
  - Two teaspoons of curry powder
- Mix curry powder into the cream cheese. Shape into a ball. Drizzle chutney over the ball. Serve with your choice of crackers. This is so easy, but so good!

## PUPPY CHOW

Mike McKamy,  
*Program Assistant, Campus Recreation*

- 1 stick of margarine
- 1 c. chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1 box Crispex Cereal
- 1 c. powdered sugar

Melt together margarine, chocolate chips, and peanut butter. Using a large bowl, pour this mixture over the cereal making sure the cereal is well coated. Put the powdered sugar into a large grocery bag. While the coated cereal is still warm, add to the grocery bag, close, and toss until the powdered sugar sticks to the cereal. Serve in a dog food dish. Enjoy!

## CRUNCHY CLUSTERS

From **Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hoover,**  
*Vice Chancellor, Educational & Student Services*

- 12 oz. Nestle's chocolate chips semi-sweet
- 12 oz. Nestle's butterscotch chips
- 8 oz. Chow Mein Noodles
- 1 cup salted peanuts

Melt chips in heavy pan over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and quickly add noodles and peanuts; thoroughly mix. Drop from teaspoon in bite-size clusters onto cookie sheet covered with wax paper. Refrigerate to firm up. Can store in refrigerator or in covered container on shelf.

Makes about 5 dozen.

## SOUR CREAM POUND CAKE

Submitted by  
**Maggie Cope, UNO Bookstore**

- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 stick butter or oleo
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 2 Tbls. Jack Daniels or Bourbon
- 1 1/2 C. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda

Cream sugar and butter together. Add salt, vanilla, and baking soda. Add eggs one at a time—adding 1/2 c. flour after each egg. Add sour cream and Jack Daniels. Pour into loaf pan that has been sprayed with PAM. Bake at 325° for about 1 hour. (For a bundt pan double the recipe.) Can be frosted or left plain. It is great with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.



## SNICKERDOODLES

Submitted by  
**Karen Nelson**

- 1 cup soft shortening (part butter)
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix shortening, sugar and eggs thoroughly. Blend all dry ingredients; stir into shortening mixture. Roll dough into balls the size of small walnuts. Roll balls in mixture of 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake eight to 10 minutes. (Cookies puff up at first, then flatten out.) Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

## MICROWAVE FUDGE

Submitted by  
**Jeannette Ommerman**

- 1 lb. box powdered sugar
- 1 stick butter cut in half
- 4 Tbl. cocoa
- 1/4 c. evaporated milk

Microwave above ingredients 1 minute, then stir. Microwave 1 more minute and put in buttered pie plate.

## WASSAIL BOWL PUNCH

Submitted by  
**Carol Leaders**

- 1 qt. tea
- 1 qt. cranberry juice
- 1 qt. apple juice
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 12 whole cloves
- 2 c. orange juice
- 1/4 c. Lemonade

Mix all ingredients on low heat, and serve hot. Makes about 15 servings.



## DIVINITY

Submitted by  
**Bonnie Herrington**

- 2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. white karo syrup
- 1/2 c. water
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Cook until forms a soft ball in cold water. Two egg whites beaten stiff. Pour half syrup in egg whites and beat. Put other half back on stove and cook until crackle stage then pour over first syrup and continue to beat. Add vanilla and nuts last.



## CHERRY CHIP BARS

Submitted by  
**Candy Brittain**

- 2 c. sugar
- 3/4 c. evaporated milk
- Dash of salt
- 12 large marshmallows (or 120 small)
- 1/2 c. oleo

Combine ingredients and boil over medium heat; approximately 5 minutes (stir rapidly, this scorches). Remove and add 1 tsp. vanilla and 6 oz. or 1 pkg. of cherry chips. Pour into buttered 9x13 pan and refrigerate. Melt 12 oz. of chocolate chips in double boiler. Add 1 Tbls. oleo, 3/4 cup peanut butter, 10 oz. of crushed salted peanuts. Spread over cherry mixture and chill.

## ENGLISH TOFFEE

Submitted by  
**Jeannette Ommerman**

- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 3 Tbls. cold water
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix and cook ingredients until brown (about 10 minutes). Stir constantly, then pour into buttered pan. Take 4 plain Hershey bars and lay on top of mixture and spread. If desired, sprinkle 1/4 c. of chopped pecans. Cool and break into pieces.

## CHOCOLATE BON-BONS

Submitted by  
**Kim Ommerman,**  
*Assistant Advertising Manager,*  
*Gateway Newspaper*

- 2 lb. powdered sugar
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 4 c. flake coconut
- 2 c. nuts
- 1 can Eagle Brand Milk

Mix above ingredients and chill several hours. Roll into small balls (about 1" in diameter).

Melt: 1 lb. chocolate chips  
1/4 lb. paraffin wax  
Dip balls into chocolate chip mixture and dry on wax paper.



## SPECIAL "K" COOKIES

Submitted by  
**Katherine Synovec**

- 1 c. white syrup
  - 1 c. sugar
  - 1/2 c. brown sugar
  - Boil above ingredients 10 seconds and add:
  - 1/2 c. peanut butter
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 6 c. Special "K"
- Roll in ball or put in pan and cut in squares.

## POTATO LATKES (PANCAKES) (Makes 8 to 10 servings)

Submitted by  
**Rosalie Meiches**  
*Manager, Student Publication*

- 8 large white potatoes
- 6 eggs
- 3 slices hard white bread, finely grated
- (Or 1 1/2 cups matzo meal, available in ethnic food section of the grocery store.)
- 1 large onion, grated
- Salt & pepper to taste

Grate potatoes and onion (can be done in food processor), drain off liquid. Add remaining ingredients and mix. Fry as you would pancakes on a hot, oiled griddle. When pancakes are crisp on one side, turn and fry other side. Serve with applesauce.



# Holiday Traditions

By CHERYL POTEPA BOE

My throat tightened as the strong, warm brandy went down. Every year after Christmas Midnight Mass I drank the brandy, and every year I wondered why as I choked it down.

But, it was a family tradition.

Americans have a lot of traditions — holiday office parties, football games, and gifts of the latest high-tech toys.

But some American families still follow traditions dating back to their grandparents or even great-grandparents.

Although many of these holiday traditions have become "Americanized," they still have their roots in the earliest celebrations of Christmas.

Gift giving has been regularly practiced at Christmas since the 12th century. One of the earliest Christmas gifts was a live elephant to King Henry III from the King of France.

Elaborate parades and hunting ceremonies marked the early years of Christmas celebrations. But by the 17th century, the rising middle class and a broader distribution of wealth helped children become the center of attention for the holidays.

There were no talking teddy bears or transformers, but chil-

Scandinavians baked Yule Boar breads, but instead of eating them, they blessed them and saved them to sow in the fields with hopes of making their crops more successful.

Children enjoyed gifts of rocking horses, porcelain dolls or maybe even a switch stick.

This century also saw the beginnings of elaborate home decorations, such as tree ornaments, greenery strung around the home and tapestries.

In Russia, apples, tangerines, dried fruit and candy were used to decorate Christmas trees because of the poor state of the economy. The fruits would then be given to the children as gifts on Christmas day.

Baking has always been an important part of the Christmas celebration.

Women in Germany and France began making fancy cakes molded into the Christ child and angels in the 17th century.

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The English are responsible for initiating huge, traditional Christmas feasts. For lunch, they would eat stuffed turkey, plum pudding and mince pie. Then, a few hours later, they would continue with smoked trout, roast pig, candy, cake and wine.

Poles, Slavs and Lithuanians follow a more modest dinner called Wigilia. This meatless dinner dates back to the religious practice of abstaining from meat during Advent. The 13-course meal, one for each apostle and one for the baby Jesus, consists of pickled herring, borscht soup, various kinds of Pierogi (a kind of dumpling), fish salad, cabbage, poppy-seed cake and hot vodka.

Christmas candles held many meanings for Western Europeans. In 19th century Spain, children would carry candles on poles through the streets to light the way for the three kings, who were believed to come bearing gifts.

In Italy and Germany, hallways were kept dark while one room in the house would blaze brilliantly from the candles on the Christmas tree.

Young Swedish girls would dress in white robes and wear a bonnet of candles on Christmas morning as they presented their parents with gifts.

Even the tradition of hustle-and-bustle Christmas shopping began in the 18th century.

German merchants opened a Christmas fair every year the first week of December. Children dressed as angels would greet visitors at the gates of the fair.

Gifts were simpler then. Merchants sold ginger cakes, or Lebkuchen, and figurines of the Christ child.

These early merchants were selling gifts representing people giving the baby Jesus to each other.

The toys may be different, the food less ethnic and the trees more commercial than those of our ancestors, but Christmas has and will always be one thing to all of us — the Lord giving the world his son Jesus.



Photo by Scot Shugart

## 'Tis the season'

Sam Monaco, left, shows a Christmas tree to Carl Buda (father of UNO football coach Sandy Buda) at the Farmers Market, 4911 Leavenworth. Poor selections await late shoppers hoping for a fresher tree. Christmas trees are cut in October. An average Christmas tree costs approximately \$25 to \$30.

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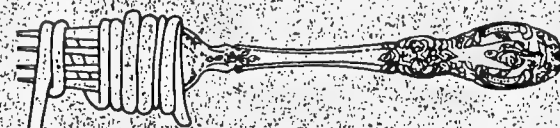
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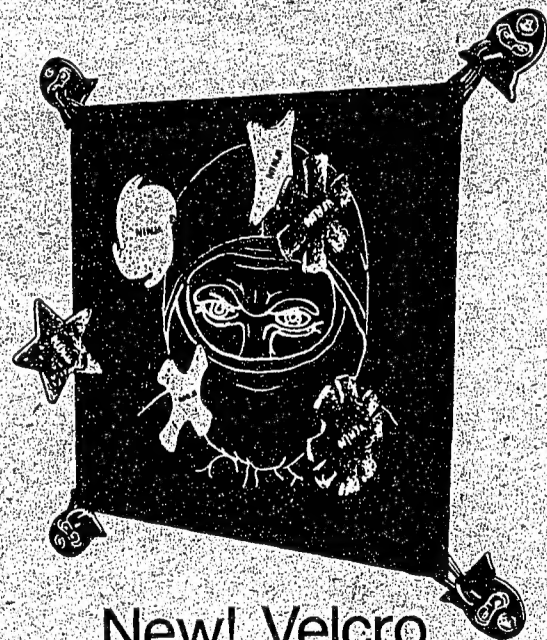
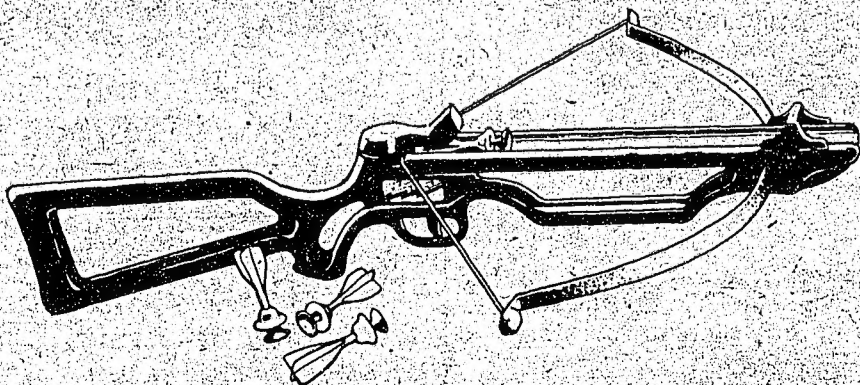
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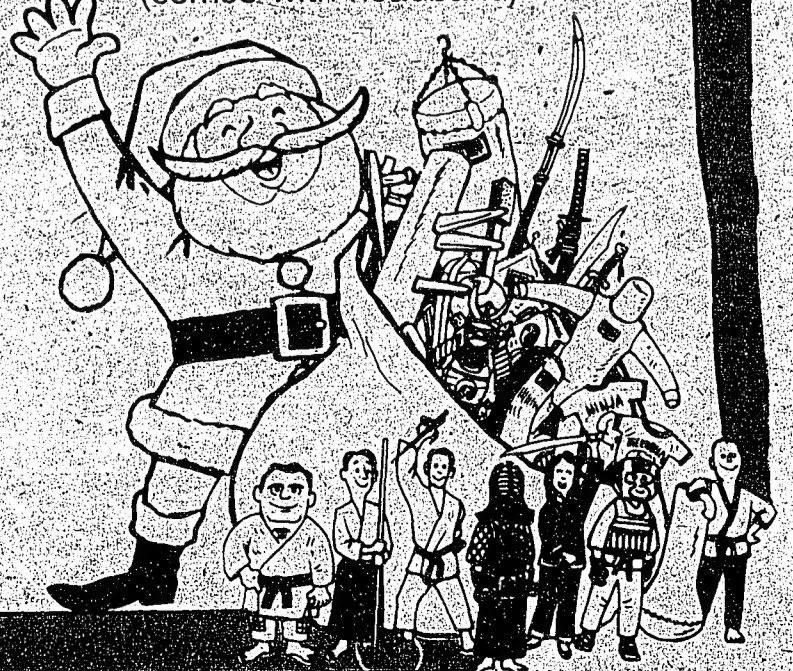
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## Catalog provides alternative to fighting holiday crowds

By TAMMY COLEMAN

Imagine yourself drowning in a sea of people. You're surrounded on all sides, there's no place to go. You feel like an NFL running back as you spot a hole in the crowd and make your move. Too late. A young mother with three sticky, howling children closes the hole.

You give up, fight your way to the exit, and leave. The Christmas rush is on at shopping malls across the country. You can avoid this rush and still be ready for Christmas by taking advantage of the mail service.

With the hundreds of mail-order catalogs available, shopping at home is a viable alternative to fighting the crowds. Following is a sampling of the types of catalogs in the marketplace to help

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you plan your shopping attack.

### General merchandise catalogs

This is the largest category of mail-order catalogs, and can be divided into two groups: the cheaper catalogs that offer "something for everyone," and the higher-priced, "Yuppie" gift catalogs.

Some of the more common catalogs in the first group include *Walter Drake*, *Taylor Gifts*, *Miles Kimball*, *Harriet Carter* and *Hanover House*. These catalogs offer everything from Christmas ornaments and gift wrap to household gadgets and toys. They provide an excellent source for stocking stuffers. Most

of the catalogs in this group have a few pages of "special bargains" at Christmas time. Where else can you find a mini porcelain unicorn, a kaleidoscope, composer playing cards and a nitroglycerine pill holder all for just 99 cents each?

The fact that these catalogs often carry several identical items keeps the prices at a competitive level, and the shopper who receives more than one of them can sometimes save money by "shopping around."

The "Yuppie" catalogs cater to people trying to buy a gift for "someone who has everything." For instance, consider the monogrammed "supersize scissors" available through *Enticement's*. For just \$69.95, your favorite seamstress can own a pair of "Giant (12-inch long), gold electroplated carbon steel scissors." If this sounds a little high, remember, you get to specify three initials of your choice for the monogram.

Other magazines in the "Yuppie" set include *the Colwell Collection*, *Museum of Modern Art*, *Seventh Avenue* and *Giggletree*.

### Children's catalogs

If you're looking for just the right gift for that special someone under 12, take a look at *Just For Kids* or *Constructive Playthings*. *Just For Kids* is 95 pages of toys, games, books and novelty T-shirts.

*Constructive Playthings* is just what the name implies — a catalog full of toys and books to help members of the younger set learn and develop while they play. *Playthings* has been supplying toys to schools and day-care centers for years. They guarantee the lowest prices in the country.

### Food catalogs

If you know someone who loves to eat, you better take a look at a food catalog. By ordering through a catalog, you can have your package shipped directly to the recipient so you don't have to hassle with shipping it yourself.

The two big meat and cheese retailers, *Swiss Colony* and *Hickory Farms*, both put out a Christmas catalog of gift packages, as does *The Wisconsin Cheeseman*.

Besides the usual meat, cheese and fruitcakes, these three also offer nuts, candy and desserts; fresh fruit is available through both *Hickory Farms* and *The Wisconsin Cheeseman* catalogs.

A few non-food gifts are offered through *Cheeseman*, while

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the *Colony* catalog contains several pages of non-edible items ranging from plants and Christmas decorations to puzzles and a bank patterned after *Garfield* the cartoon cat.

### Special gift catalogs

The number of gift catalogs aimed at specific target audiences is ever-increasing as various groups enter the mail-order catalog market. This is another category which can be divided into two main groups.

First, the general merchandise catalogs aimed at a specific audience. The perfect example of this type is *Abbey Press*, a Christian family catalog. *Abbey* has toys, books, keychains, coffee mugs, china statues, Christmas cards, decorations and more. While not every item in the catalog has religious significance, a general trend toward keeping the magazine wholesome and unoffending is evident.

*The Nature Company Catalog* also fits into this group. While offering a variety of merchandise, the catalog revolves around a central theme: Everything in the catalog is somehow related to science and nature, from the Brazilian birdcalls handcrafted in Amazonian hardwoods (\$10.95-\$23.50) and the bronze-finish sundial/birdbath for your garden (\$45) to the daffodil and hyacinth bulb kits (\$19.95). There's even a celestial chart to help you "learn your way around the nighttime skies" (\$12.95).

Catalogs in the second group have narrower scopes, and deal strictly with one type of merchandise.

As you'd expect, *The San Francisco Music Box Company*, *Holiday 1986 catalog*, offers nothing but music boxes. The catalog features more than 250 different music boxes in designs ranging from traditional wooden and porcelain boxes to more unusual styles including a musical engraved hunter's watch and an inflatable globe that plays "Around the World in Eighty Days" as it turns.

Prices range from \$9.95 for a child's ballerina jewelry box to \$13,000 for a gold alarm watch (set with 15 diamonds) featuring a moveable scene on the front.

Another single-line catalog is *The Mind's Eye*, which contains nothing but pre-recorded audio cassettes. Not just any cassettes, but "cassettes that combine the voices of many great actors performing some of the greatest stories ever written, with special music and sound effect." Most single cassettes are \$5.98, with sets running as high as \$59.95.

Other specialty catalogs are *The Pet Catalog*, which features gifts for pets and pet lovers, and *The Wooden Soldier*, which carries mostly Old World Christmas decorations and children's clothing.

Some of these catalogs offer express service, but if you haven't already made your selections for this year, it's probably too late.

If you don't receive mail-order catalogs, you can find out how to get on the mailing lists by looking in the *Catalog of Catalogs* — *The Complete Guide to World-Wide Mail-Order Shopping*. This catalog is available at the main branch of the Omaha Public Library.

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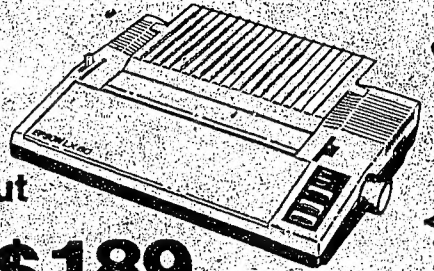
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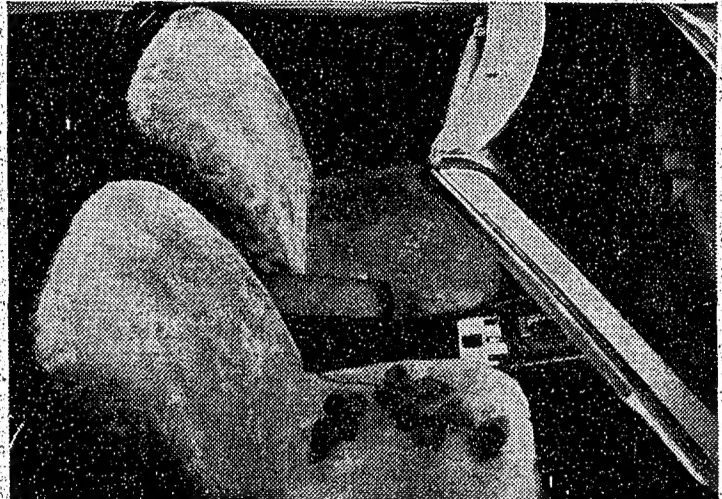
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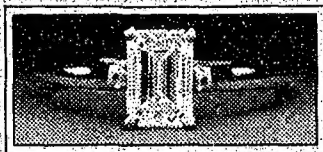
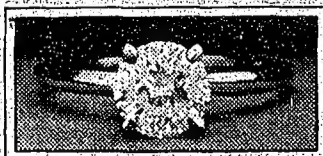
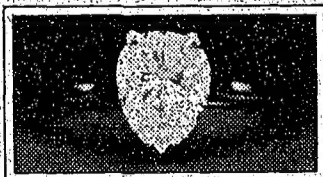


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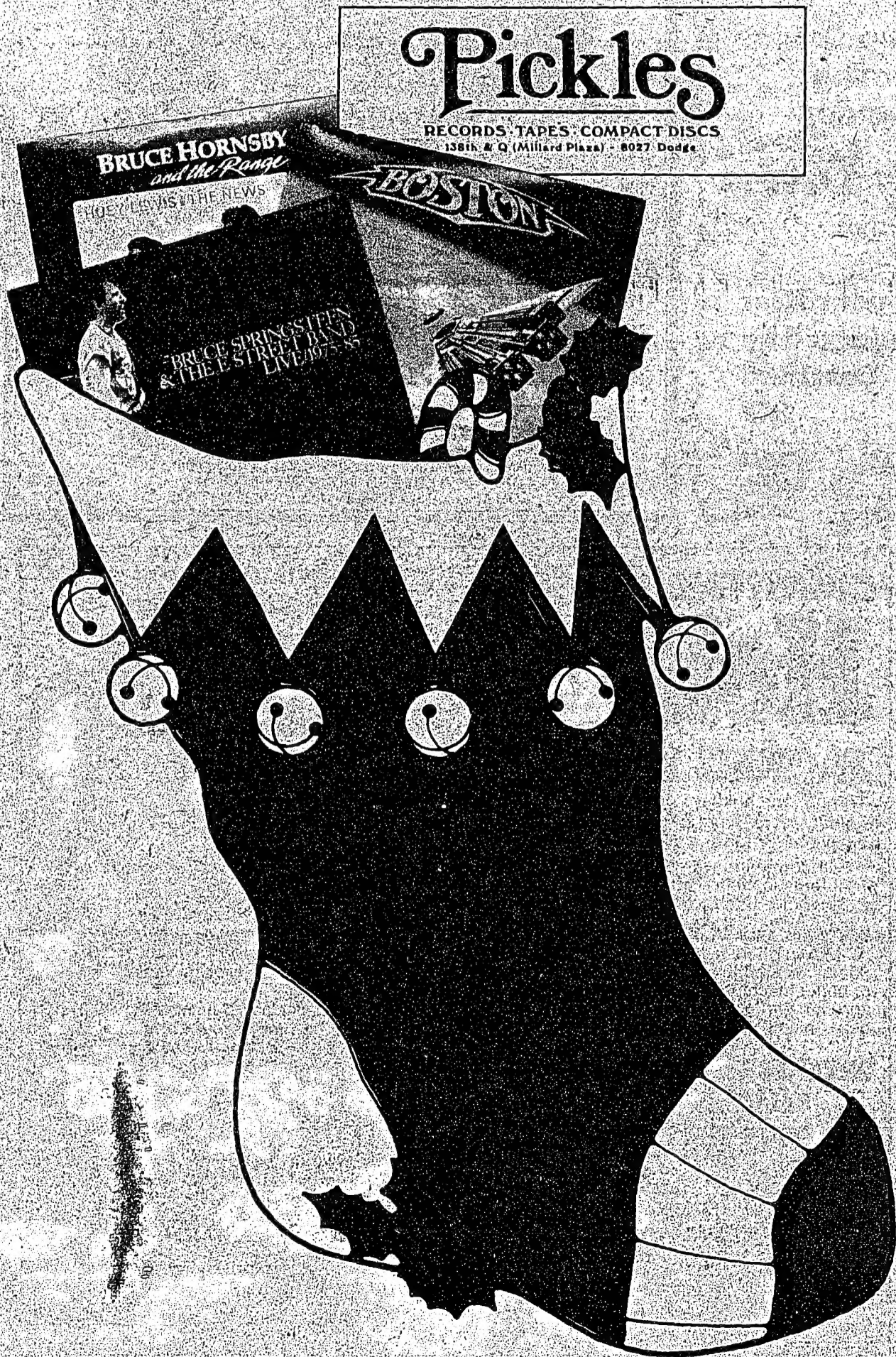
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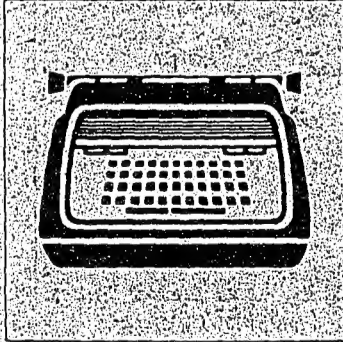
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